

work ethic. He has deployed widely for training across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa; operationally in support of Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR and JOINT GUARD in Bosnia-Herzegovina; and to combat in support of multiple contingencies and named operations including ENDURING FREEDOM, FREEDOM SENTINEL, IRAQI FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, and YUKON SCEPTER.

Colonel Wilkinson has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Army, most recently as the chief, Army Senate Liaison. In the Russell Senate Office Building and around the globe, Colonel Wilkinson continued the tradition of strengthening Army relationships with Members of Congress and their staffs.

Over the course of the last year, Colonel Wilkinson provided support to multiple congressional delegations to locations within the United States and to various countries around the world. He became a trusted adviser and friend to many of us. He distinguished himself by going above and beyond the call of duty to facilitate and successfully execute each and every trip, despite any number of weather, aircraft, and diplomatic complications.

This June, Colonel Wilkinson departs Washington, DC. This Chamber will feel his absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Colonel Wilkinson for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support of the missions of the U.S. Army. I especially recognize his patient and supportive family, Mrs. Mindy Wilkinson, and his two daughters, Blakely and Parker. I wish this Army family the best as they move to Fort Campbell.

TRIBUTE TO DAN AND JAN SMOOTS

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today during national small business week to honor and recognize Dan and Jan Smoots of Emporia, KS. The Smoots were recently announced as the Small Business Administration's Small Business Persons of the Year for Kansas, and once you hear why, it is clear to see they are more than deserving of the award.

The Smoots' business, Fanestil Meats, was recognized in part for surviving multiple flood disasters on the Cottonwood River. Their facility's foundation is just south of Emporia in the flood plain, making it susceptible to flooding any given year. Yet, through the hurdles, the Smoots persevered to keep their business running. Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic brought on a whole new set of challenges for the Smoots, but once again, they trekked along. With 100 employees to take care of, along with unprecedented supply chain disruptions, they had to be resourceful through this new challenge. Thankfully, Fanestil Meats was able to secure a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program, which

the Smoots say was instrumental in keeping the business afloat throughout the pandemic.

Moving forward, Fanestil Meats is now constructing a new 40,000-square-foot meat-processing facility that will replace the original plant and help expand the worldwide reach of their beloved product, the Party Time Ham. The new facility is located adjacent to the cold storage warehouse, retail store, and administrative offices that were constructed in 2015 in Emporia, KS.

This award is truly an honor that everyone at Fanestil should be proud of. The Smoots have worked long and hard to expand and improve this business since they took over in 1997, which is no small task. Yet, thanks in part to the Smoots' ownership, Fanestil continues to rise to the occasion and prosper, even when faced with adversity. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dan and Jan Smoots for their dedication to their business and for representing Kansas greatly.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN JAMES LENEHAN, JR.

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Mr. John James Lenehan, Jr., a remarkable man and Korean war veteran who graduates from college on May 21, 2022, at the age of 88.

The son of Irish immigrants, Mr. Lenehan was born on April 5, 1934. He was raised alongside his four siblings in a one-bedroom apartment in Queens. Upon graduating from high school, Mr. Lenehan was drafted into the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Dix. Thanks to the GI Bill, he was able to pursue his dream of higher education and enrolled at Fordham University. Mr. Lenehan took night classes while working at KLM Airlines, where he met his future wife, Lillian. When KLM transferred Mr. Lenehan to the Houston office, the couple moved to Texas the day after their wedding, and Mr. Lenehan had to pause his studies.

The Lenehan family lived in Wallingford, CT, for 6 years. While there, Mr. Lenehan began working for Xerox, where he quickly gained recognition for his determination. During this time, he took several classes at Sacred Heart University and Yale University, but never had a sufficient chance to complete his degree. He eventually retired in 1991, only to start a new company with his wife before long. Mr. Lenehan retired a second time, moving with Mrs. Lenehan to a cottage in the west of Ireland.

Last spring, Mr. Lenehan decided he wanted to make the time to obtain his college degree, so he wrote to the president of Fordham University, requesting the opportunity to finish his studies nearly 70 years after he began. The university accepted him, and this

month, Mr. Lenehan will achieve his dream of completing his undergraduate education. He will be Fordham University's oldest ever graduate when he receives his diploma on May 21, 2022.

Mr. Lenehan's lifelong commitment to pursuing his studies and supporting his family will be an enduring legacy. He and his wife instilled a love of learning in their children that they in turn have passed on to their own children. I now join his 6 children and 13 grandchildren in saluting Mr. Lenehan. I applaud his many accomplishments and hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. John Lenehan, Jr., on this milestone of his graduation.●

REMEMBERING ROBERT "BOB" EDGAR ROSE

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert "Bob" Edgar Rose, who passed away on February 14, 2022. Bob served as Nevada's 26th Lieutenant Governor and as chief justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. He will be greatly missed and always remembered for his invaluable contributions to the State of Nevada.

Bob grew up in Livingston, NJ. After law school, Bob moved to Nevada to clerk for the Nevada Supreme Court. He then went on to practice law in Reno before serving as chairman of the Nevada Democratic Party and as Washoe County district attorney. In 1974, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Nevada. During his decades of service to the State of Nevada, Bob made a difference in every role in which he served.

As Lieutenant Governor, Bob worked to safeguard the rights of all Nevadans. He strongly advocated for the Equal Rights Amendment to ensure equality under the law for women. Despite political backlash at the time, Bob cast the deciding vote to send the amendment to the Nevada Assembly in 1977. Although Nevada did not ratify the amendment until 2017, Bob was recognized for his early leadership in this fight for equality. This important vote may have cost him the chance to be Governor, but Bob believed in doing what was right. Following Bob's term as Lieutenant Governor, Governor Richard Bryan appointed him to the Eighth Judicial District Court in Las Vegas.

In 1988, Bob achieved his lifelong dream of winning a seat on the Nevada Supreme Court. During his 18 years on the bench, he led efforts to modernize and improve Nevada's judicial system. Bob helped establish the Nevada Judicial Assessment Commission and the Jury Improvement Commission. Additionally, he pushed the court to mandate a statewide seminar on standardized practices for domestic violence cases. Nevada became the first State in the country to require such judicial training. In recognition of his many accomplishments and contributions, the Nevada Supreme Court awarded Bob the first Legacy of Justice Award in 2009.

At every opportunity, Bob demonstrated his strong commitment to justice. I know that his courage, integrity, and dedication to the rule of law will not be forgotten. My thoughts are with Bob's wife, Jolene, and with his family and friends during this time of loss.●

REMEMBERING RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, today, I want to honor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who led the Lubavitch movement and contributed greatly to education, morality, and charity worldwide. Menachem Mendel Schneerson, much like his father, was a rabbi and scholar who served his community immensely. April 12, 2022, marks the celebration of what would have been the Rebbe's 100th birthday.

In 1941, Rabbi Schneerson, also known as the rebbe, fled war-torn Europe, and arrived in the United States. As a refugee who experienced the despot rule of Stalinist Russia and the horrors of Nazi Germany, he understood the importance of faith in times of hardship. Upon arriving in New York, Rabbi Schneerson led the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. This movement grew greatly under Rabbi Schneerson's leadership and helped to guide the Jewish community after the atrocities of the Holocaust.

By the time of Rabbi Schneerson's death in 1994, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement consisted of over 2,000 institutions with centers in cities and university campuses worldwide. These outreach organizations function to teach people about Judaism and foster the Jewish identity.

Rabbi Schneerson also published renowned works on the Torah and Judaism. His work continues to lead many in spirituality, learning, and the process of strengthening the Jewish faith internationally. He understood that all were created equal and exemplified this in his inclusion of every man, woman, and child in his teachings.

Rabbi Schneerson's extraordinary life and work has long been recognized by the Congress and, in 1994, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his contributions.

Today, we celebrate the life of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. The rebbe was an individual who exemplified channeling personal struggles into positive change internationally. His legacy lives on through the impacts he made, and the many Chabad centers worldwide, including those in Kentucky. For Kentuckians, Americans, and all in the international community, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's efforts will continue to make an impact well beyond the century since his birth.●

RECOGNIZING A PLACE TO BELONG HOME CARE

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on

Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, A Place To Belong Home Care of Radcliff, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

It is not every week that I have the privilege of honoring a veteran-owned small business, but when I do, it is with profound gratitude and respect not only for this Kentucky entrepreneur, but for our men and women in uniform. A Place to Belong Home Care was founded by SFC Lolita R. Martin who, before opening her business, spent 24 years in uniform, 3 and half of which spent on the battlefield in support of Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Even while serving her country overseas, Ms. Martin knew that entrepreneurship was her next calling. With that in mind, Ms. Martin remained steadfast in her desire to continue serving others in her career, which led her to the idea of senior care. Thus, after retiring from a lengthy career in our Nation's uniform, Lolita Martin founded A Place to Belong Home Care in 2019.

The mission behind A Place To Belong Home Care is to improve the quality of life for aging adults and to support their families in caring for loved ones. The business provides a wide variety of services, not limited to elderly care. Whether the client is an adult or child with special needs, recovering from surgery or illness, or managing a disease or lifelong condition, A Place To Belong Home Care is there to help. And with services offered in Hardin, Bullitt, Meade, and Grayson County, as well as in other parts of Kentucky, Ms. Martin ensures that her business reaches the broad scope of needs for anyone requiring daily care.

Upon her retirement from the U.S. Armed Forces, Ms. Martin was primed for her current career. During her third deployment to Iraq, Ms. Martin began pursuing her Bachelor of science in healthcare management. A requirement for the degree was a capstone project on senior care, thus the seed for A Place To Belong Home Care was planted. The idea grew and developed throughout her time protecting our Nation; hence there is no doubt as to why her business has seen such success and growth in Kentucky. In 2019, Ms. Martin was proud to receive the Best in Class Home Health Certification from the 21st Century Health Care Consultants group. After caring for others throughout her life, Ms. Martin clearly is the right fit for the job.

This entrepreneur also understands the importance of maintaining an active presence in her local community. Ms. Martin preserves her dedication to national service by being an active member of the National Association of Black Veterans, the Kentucky Colonel, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars group. Though this patriot has moved on from her Active-Duty career, she

stays true to her roots as she ventures into an equally honorable career of providing care for those who are not able to take full care of themselves. Congratulations to Lolita Martin and the entire team at A Place To Belong Home Care. I thank you for your brave service to this country and for your enduring desire to serve others. I wish the whole team the best of luck and look forward to watching their continuing growth and success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING THE KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners—NAWBO—provides dynamic opportunities for women to network with other business owners, mentor one another, develop partnerships, and incubate and foster that next big idea. It is comprised of women of all ages and levels of experience from all sectors of the marketplace.

This year, as NAWBO Kentucky celebrates three decades of success stories that are as diverse as our Commonwealth, its members have established a Legacy Award to recognize women business owners who have excelled for 30 or more years. The first to be honored in such a way is Alice Houston, of Louisville. Alice is known as an entrepreneur, the president and CEO of the largest minority-owned transportation company in North America; as a tireless and dedicated board member, of such organizations as the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the National Urban League; as a philanthropist, leading with her own generosity to raise funds for worthy causes and institutions; and as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She embodies the true character of the Legacy Award.

Every young woman who wants to be a trailblazer, who envisions a life of giving back while moving forward, or who is struggling to chart a bold new direction for her business is thankful that there are real-life phenomena like Alice Houston, whose business acumen, love of family and community, and generosity of spirit light a pathway to great possibilities.

I am proud to salute the Kentucky Association of Women Business Owners on its 30th anniversary and to honor Alice Houston as the inaugural recipient of its Legacy Award.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.A. SPRINKLERFITTERS LOCAL NO. 704

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of U.A. Sprinklerfitters Local No. 704 of metro Detroit. Functioning under different names and charters over the past century, the Local has supported the employment of its members, while simultaneously bargaining for higher wages and better benefits.